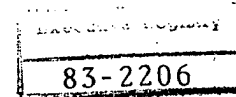


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The Honorable William J. Casey
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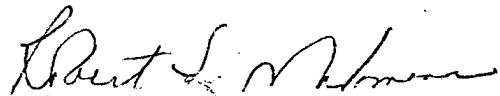
Dear Mr. Casey:

I am sending you a copy of the Overseas Development Council's new report assessing U.S. relations with the developing countries because I think it makes an important contribution to current discussions about the need for global economic recovery. U.S. Foreign Policy and the Third World: Agenda 1983 points out the role that the developing countries have in determining the economic well-being of the industrial countries, including the United States, and proposes a series of policy measures to avert further "mutual injury" to the United States and the developing countries.

The deterioration that has taken place in the developing countries has had serious trade and financial consequences for us. If their needs are not addressed in the process of pursuing global economic recovery, their failure to progress inevitably will act as a continuing drag on global economic growth. On the other hand, their inclusion in the process will provide an added stimulus to the economic recovery so urgently needed in the industrial world.

I commend this volume to you--both for its analysis and for its specific recommendations for recapturing the "positive interdependence" that characterized U.S.-Third World relations until 1979. I would welcome your reactions.

Sincerely,


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